

**Kara J. Harris**

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**From:** Laszewski, Virginia <Laszewski.Virginia@epa.gov>  
**Sent:** Monday, December 15, 2014 2:46 PM  
**To:** Dee  
**Cc:** Kara J. Harris  
**Subject:** RE: Environmental Concerns over the proposed Rover Pipeline route

Dear Ms. Stashuk

Thank you for your December 13, 2014 12:22 PM email regarding the proposed multistate Rover Pipeline Project [Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) Docket # PF14-14-000]. Your email identifies concerns you have regarding impacts to natural resources along a proposed 15 mile route that passes through Lapeer County, Michigan. You urge that an existing ITC rights of way or the land parallel to it be used in this area in order to minimize environmental impacts. You express, in part, concern regarding impacts to wetlands connected to the Flint River and Clinton River Watersheds.

With our email, we are forwarding your email to Kara Harris, FERC project manager. FERC is the lead federal agency responsible for preparing the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the pipeline project. Consequently, if you want your issues and concerns considered and addressed by FERC, we recommend you send your comments directly to FERC for their consideration.

EPA has agreed to be a cooperating agency during the FERC EIS process for this project. EPA will also provide EIS scoping comments to FERC and independently review and comment on FERC's Draft EIS and Final EIS under our NEPA and Section 309 Clean Air Act authorities.

If you have questions or would like to further discuss EPA's role in FERC's EIS process for this project, you may call me at 312-886-7501.

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**From:** Dee [<mailto:Deeders@Centurytel.net>]  
**Sent:** Saturday, December 13, 2014 12:22 PM  
**To:** Laszewski, Virginia  
**Subject:** Environmental Concerns over the proposed Rover Pipeline route

Dear Ms. Laszewski,

While I have already made my concerns known to FERC, I am writing in regards to the Rover Pipeline that is proposed to run through Michigan and ask that you consider the following environmental concerns prior to your recommendations in your EIS: Mainly, if you find reason for approval for this pipeline, that you insist that Rover Pipeline use existing ITC right of ways

or the land parallel to it in order to ensure that this pipeline will have minimal negative environmental impact that are inherent to natural gas pipelines.

It is alarming that Rover intends to run their pipeline through untouched pristine private and state owned land, especially along the proposed 15 mile route that passes through Lapeer County, Michigan where Rover shows total disregard and environmental negligence in bypassing existing right of ways owned by other utilities where the environmental impact can be managed and contained.

Along this specific 15 mile route (Please see map below) this proposed pipeline imposes no less than 22 new intrusions into delicate wetlands which are connected to various other natural resources, including the Flint River and Clinton River Watersheds. This breach has been brought to the attention of FERC and Rover many times but Rover Pipeline remains impervious as they have continued to seek to purchase right of ways and threaten eminent domain from landowners in this area, stating their reason for not using ITC ROW in this section of their proposed route is, according to Rover Representative Joey Mahmoud, that they *“want to own their own right of ways so they do not have to pay ITC ROW fees.”* Surely you agree that such blatant arrogance and disregard serves to raise red flags on the part of their endeavor to leave as little impact on the environment as possible.

There are also a number of state parks, recreational areas, and a small but significant wildlife sanctuary in the path of Rover’s preferred route. Therefore I encourage you to closely examine the entire route for other such environmental negligence before making any approval in your EIS.

I thank you for your time, consideration, and close evaluation of this proposed pipeline route in light of the questionable intentions and ethics of Rover Pipeline, LLC.

Sincerely,

Deanna Stashuk  
Lapeer County, MI

Following is a map that shows the proposed pipeline route in red with its intrusions circled in red, and the existing ITC route in green.

